

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Governor Rell Announces \$500,000 For Suffield**



Governor M. Jodi Rell announced today that \$500,000 will soon be approved for Suffield to build a new volunteer ambulance facility on Bridge Street. The funding comes from the state's Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) that is to be approved at the June meeting of the State Bond Commission.

The funding will assist in the construction of a new 8,900-square foot facility on a three-acre parcel of land on Bridge Street. The new facility will improve ambulance operations in adjoining towns in numerous ways.

"We want to help Suffield have the best emergency response system it can possible have," Governor Rell said. "Building this new facility should move us forward toward that goal. In all of our towns, I have made public safety and emergency response my top priority. I will continue to listen to the needs of towns like Suffield and do my best to help them improve the quality of their services."

"This is a significant amount of money for the town of Suffield and is certainly much appreciated," State Senator John Kissel, the Ranking Senator on the Judiciary Committee said. "I would like to express my thanks to Governor Rell for helping to secure this funding. The volunteer ambulance workers are extremely important to the well being and safety of Suffield's residents. This grant will go a long way towards providing them with a terrific new facility."

"The new headquarters will provide Suffield Ambulance much-needed space for emergency vehicles and training programs," State Representative Ruth Fahrbach said. "This is another excellent example of the state and town working together to meet the community's needs by improving the delivery of essential emergency services."

The Bond Commission will meet Friday, June 9, at 11 a.m. in the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.